



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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In accordance with notice to members of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council's Planning and Procedures subcommittee, a meeting of the subcommittee was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at Piccerelli Gilstein & Co., 144 Westminster Street, Providence, RI.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michael M. Tikoian, Chair  
Paul E. Lemont, Vice Chair  
Bruce Dawson  
Russ Chateaufneuf, DEM representative

**STAFF PRESENT**

Grover Fugate, CRMC Executive Director  
James Boyd, Coastal Policy Analyst  
Brian Goldman, Legal Counsel

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Wendy Waller, Save The Bay

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**Call to Order.** Mr. Tikoian called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

The Chair opened the meeting and requested that the review and approval of the draft January 15 meeting summary be taken up at the next Policy and Procedures Subcommittee meeting, as the Chair was not present at the January 15 meeting, Vice Chair Lemont had not yet arrived, and the only remaining member present on January 15 was Mr. Dawson. All present agreed to move review and approval of the January 15 meeting summary to the next subcommittee meeting on March 15 (Vice Chair Lemont arrived shortly after the decision to postpone review of the meeting summary until the next meeting).

**Item 4A – Management Procedures – Section 5.1(3)**

G. Fugate explained that the purpose of the proposed amendment was to clarify the procedure for individuals to request notification of pending applications or hearings before the Council. In some cases, individuals had complained that they were not notified of a hearing after they had signed a petition and assumed they would be notified. Mr. Fugate further explained that persons signing petitions are not typically notified because mailing address information is either incomplete or not provided on the petition. The rule change would require that every person seeking notification of an application or hearing must individually submit a written request. Subcommittee members discussed the rule change and suggested a change in text for clarity.

#### **Item 4.D – Section 300.4 – Recreational Boating Facilities**

Mr. Fugate explained that the proposed changes would place the onus on the professional engineer for the design of residential docks and to certifying that the structure is built and installed in accordance with the CRMC-approved plans and Assent. The changes also provide more standardized material and construction requirements for residential docks. Mr. Fugate noted that the Class A piling requirement specifies “greenheart” wood piles that are eco-friendly, because they are sustainably harvested and are not treated with CCA chemicals. Mr. Chateaufneuf suggested that the Class A pile standard should reference an engineering standard from the appropriate handbook to ensure exact specifications. The subcommittee and Mr. Goldman also discussed several changes to the proposed text for clarity. Additionally, the subcommittee was concerned about docks proposed in high fetch areas and requested staff to develop a map depicting these areas, which meet the definition in Section 300.4.E.3.1. The map would be useful to guide applicants and assist staff and the Council in the review of dock applications.

*Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Lemont, moved to approve the proposed changes as amended by the subcommittee. All voted in favor of the motion to approve.*

**ADJOURNMENT.** Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Chateaufneuf, moved to adjourn the subcommittee meeting. All voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was promptly adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
James Boyd